DAVID c DEW HIRST ,a prosperous farmer of Gosfield NORTH,residing on Concession 10,lot 16, has passed his whole life in the COUNTY OF ESSEX. He was born in Rochester township Jan. 2 1854,son of CHARLES and JULIA [Mettie] Dewhirst, early settlers in the county. George Dewhirst, grandfather of David G came with his wife,Alice from England,in 1823,and settled in Maidstone township,where they withthe Robinsonsand theMcKeons were the only families. How hard liife in the wild was in those days may be inferred from the fact that for some years these sturdy pioneers had to carry all their household supplies on their back from Sandwich. The parents both died in the old homestead, leaving eleven children, of whom[1] John and [2] George, settled in ILLINOIS, [3] Jonathan settled in ST. CLAIR MICHIGAN. [4] Alfred, the only surviving son,livesin Gosfied South. [5] Elizabeth was the wife of Harvey King, of Detroit, [6] Salina married Samuel King, and moved to New Hampshire, [7] Annie was the wife of J.H. Rhods, and died in Rochester, County of Essex, [[8] Maria married David Hensman who resides on the homestead in Essex Center, and died in 1903.

Charles Dewhirst waas born in England in N OV., 1818, while his ,wife Julia Mettie, of French and German parentage, was a native of the County of Essex, born in March 1820. He came to this county with his parents, married and settled on bush land in Rochester township,which he cleared, making a permanent home there. Polically he belonged to the Reform party, and religiously he and his wife were baptists, and founders of the church in their locality. Charles Dewhurst died in 1871, his surviving him for twenty years. Eight children were born to Charles Dewhurst and his wife as follows (1) Mary, deceased, was the wife of Anthony Coghill of Alberta and mother of Adey, George, Charles, Annie, Burl, Albert, John and May. (2) William, born in Rochester, marred Emma Brooker, has three daughters, Laura, Louise and Edith, and resides on a farm in Gosfield North. (3) Jane is the wife of George Garrett, a retired farmer of Essex, Ont. (4) DAniel married Miss sMattie Simons, of Rochester, moved to Californa, and there died, leaving six children, Charles, Roy, William, Carrie, Mabel and Myrtle. (5) Julia, the wife of James Scarlett, of Gosfield North, Concession 9, has three children, Charles, Elsie and Ernest. (6) George died when a young man. (7) Albert died in youth. (8) David C.

David C. Dewhirst grew up in the old home in Rochester, attending the district schools. His father died when he was quite young, and left him a farm of some fifty acres, on which he started out for himself, when only fourteen years old. He improved the place, put up good buildings, and lived there for twenty-five years. In 1900 he sold out that place and bought the Charles McFee farm of 150 acrs, in Cqncession 10, where he is at present residing.(This farm is across the road from where Ivan Rawlins lives now)

Mr. Dewhirst has been twice married. On Oct. 8, 1874, he marred Silena Brooker, daughter of Fohn and esther Brooker, of Rochester township. She died Oct. 18, 1877, the mother of two children, Harry D., died June 21, 1893; Myrtle E., born Sept. 18, 1877, died Dec. 9, 1877.

On May 8, 1879, Mr. Dewhirst was married to Mrs. Sarah A. (Elliott) Lickman, who was born in Tilbury West in 1840, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Kirk) Elliott. The Elliotts